



# Department of Indiana Newsletter The Hoosier Declassifieds WINTER 2026



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## DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

Active, reserve, retired, and veteran Marines, FMF Corpsmen, FMF Navy Chaplains, and Associates in Indiana continue the faithful tradition of looking out for the Marines to their left and to their right.

25 Detachments around the state support their local communities, organizations, and veterans with a wide variety of fundraisers, service projects, and social events.

Many Detachments have their own website and/or Facebook page to communicate and share their activities, events, and service.

The Department hosts 3 conferences and/or conventions annually for members to gather, socialize, conduct business, and share best practices. **Every** member is encouraged to attend!

The Department is now focused on preparing to host the 2026 National Convention in Indianapolis. We need YOUR HELP!

## DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

The Department of Indiana Newsletter is published quarterly (January, April, July, and October), and is posted on the Department's website.

Deadline for submission is one month prior by Department auxiliary, committees, Devil Dogs, officers, Detachments, and Young Marines. Let us know what you are doing! Share your news!

e-Mail all newsletter articles, information, and photographs to the editor.

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# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## 2026

8 March	Time Change – Spring Forward One Hour at 0200
10 March	Department Spring 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
14-15 March	Department Spring Conference, Plainfield, IN
19-21 March	Central Division Conference, Lexington, KY
15 April	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster to Paymasters
30 April	Crumbo Scholarship Application Deadline
5-7 June	Department Summer Convention, Plainfield, IN
10 June	Department Summer 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
15-30 June	Submit 2026 National Newsletter Competition Entry
30 June	End of Fiscal Year for All Detachments
1 July	First Day of Filing Period for 990N, 990EZ, and 990
15 July	Life Member Audit and Quarterly Roster Distributions by Department of Indiana Paymaster to Detachment Paymasters
31 July	Deadline for Report of Annual Financial Audit by Detachment
9-14 August	National Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana
31 August	2027 Membership Dues Deadline to Detachment Paymaster
10 September	Department Fall 2026 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor
30 September	Deadline for Submission of Life Member Audit to Department Paymaster
4-5 October	Department of Indiana Fall Conference
15 October	Quarterly Roster Distribution by Department Paymaster
2 November	Time Change – Fall Back One Hour at 0200
10 November	<b>251<sup>st</sup> Marine Corps Birthday</b>
15 November	Final Date to Submit 990N, 990EZ, or 990
10 December	Department Winter 2027 Newsletter Article Deadline to Editor

### OTHER:

- The Indiana Business Entity Report is due to the Indiana Secretary of State biannually. The due dates listed in status report distributed with quarterly roster.
- Indiana Form NP-20 – file claiming sales tax exemption to Department of Revenue.
- Report of Officer Installation - Detachment (ROI) are due to the Department Adjutant within 14 days of Detachment officer installation.

## Once a Marine - Forever a Marine

## **HONOR OUR HISTORY**

16 Jan 1991	Operation Desert Storm begins
17 Jan 1951	1 <sup>st</sup> Marine Division begins mopping up operations in Pohang, Korea
20 Jan 1968	North Vietnamese forces attack the 26 <sup>th</sup> Marines at Khe Sanh, South Vietnam
27 Jan 1778	Captain John Trevett leads 26 Marines in capture of Fort Nassau, Bahamas
29 Jan 1991	First major ground action of Desert Storm
13 Feb 1943	US Marine Corps Women's Reserve formed
19 Feb 1945	4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Marine Division assault Iwo Jima
20 Feb 1962	Lieutenant Colonel John H. Glenn, Jr. becomes first American to orbit earth
23 Feb 1945	Men of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Marine Division raise American flag on Mount Suribachi
28 Feb 1991	Operation Desert Storm ended
6 March 1932	John Philip Sousa died at age 79 in Reading, PA
21 March 1945	General Alexander A. Vandegrift becomes the first Marine 4-star general
25 March 1804	Secretary of the Navy approved the first formal Marine Corps uniform
26 March 1945	Iwo Jima secured – Marines suffer 25,851 casualties
31 March 1801	Site for Marine Barracks, 8 <sup>th</sup> & I, Washington, DC selected

## **DEPARTMENT COMMANDANT'S CORNER**

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season filled with rest, time with loved ones, and a memorable celebration of our 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of our Department Officers, our detachments, and one another. It was great to hear that Marines and Associate Members traveled to other detachments' golf outings, fundraisers, and Birthday Balls this fall. This is a wonderful example of how we can all support and strengthen one another.



I am looking forward to hearing the Toys for Tots reports at our Spring Conference in March. With the rising cost of living and the nearly six-week furlough of government employees, some detachments faced significant challenges this year. I sincerely thank all of you for continuing the mission despite the obstacles placed in your path.

January is a time to reflect on the past year and the hard work you put into making your detachments successful. It is also a time to develop ideas that will sustain that success—benefiting your detachments, your communities, and our department as a whole.

Thank you all for your continued selfless service to your fellow Marines, veterans, and communities. Thank you for your dedication to the Marine Corps League and for embodying true *esprit de corps*. I look forward to serving alongside each of you in the year ahead.

May this new year bring continued success to our department and strength to the bonds we share. Here's to another year of Honor, Courage, and Commitment.

Semper Fi, Marines!  
Kay Ross  
Commandant, Department of Indiana



# CONFERENCES & CONVENTIONS

## 2026 NATIONAL MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

DATES: Thursday-Saturday, 26-28 February 2026  
PLACE: Sheraton Pentagon City  
900 South Orme Street  
Arlington, VA 22204  
ROOM RESERVATIONS: Call hotel direct at 800-325-3535 / Reference National MCL  
**DEADLINE:** **30 January 2026**  
ROOMS: \$131 plus tax (about \$148 per night)  
PARKING: Onsite garage parking is \$10 per day  
OTHER: Hotel overlooks Arlington National Cemetery  
Free shuttle to/from Reagan Airport (DCA)  
Saturday social, reception, and banquet – MCL formal dress / no covers  
REGISTRATION: Go to MCL National website – click on conferences – click on Midwinter  
Conference Online Registration and complete

## 2026 DEPARTMENT SPRING CONFERENCE

DATES: Saturday and Sunday, 14-15 March 2026  
PLACE: Embassy Suites  
6089 Clarks Creek Road  
Plainfield, Indiana 46168  
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code 90Z**  
***Please do not book outside of the block through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party!***  
The code is usable through the app and via the online link.  
**DEADLINE:** **15 February 2026**  
ROOMS: \$149 plus tax  
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person  
**Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 5 March 2026**  
Online registration and payment is now available through the  
Department website  
REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"  
We no longer bring printed reports for the table  
OTHER: Adjutant will forward agenda and Uniform of the Day to members  
once the Department releases it  
Saturday evening is Devil Dog Growl  
Business meeting on Sunday at 0900-1200  
Splendid opportunity for fellowship and sharing best practices  
Detachments requested to make a monetary donation for hospitality  
suite by 1 February 2026 (mail check to Dave Englert)



## **2026 CENTRAL DIVISION CONFERENCE**

DATES: 19-21 March 2026  
PLACE: Campbell House  
1375 South Broadway Street  
Lexington, KY 40504  
ROOMS: \$138 per night inclusive for standard room  
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 859-255-4281 / Use Code 95M**  
***Please do not book outside of the block through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party!***  
**DEADLINE: Monday, 1 March 2026**  
REGISTRATION: Fee per Person varies based on what events you select to participate in  
form and fees due by 15 February 2026  
OTHER: Check updates, fees, agenda, and details on the Central Division website  
<https://mclcentdiv.org>



## **2026 DEPARTMENT SUMMER CONVENTION**

DATES: Friday-Sunday, 5-7 June 2026  
PLACE: Embassy Suites  
6089 Clarks Creek Road  
Plainfield, Indiana 46168  
ROOM RESERVATIONS: **Call hotel direct at 317-839-1106 / Use Code 90T**  
***Please do not book outside of the block through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party!***  
The code is usable through the app and via the online link.  
**DEADLINE: 15 May 2026**  
ROOMS: \$To Be Announced  
REGISTRATION: \$20 per person and \$TBD per person for Banquet  
**Registrations due to Paymaster Dave Englert by 10 May 2026**  
Online registration and payment will be available through the  
Department website in early April 2026  
REPORTS: Posted on the Department's website under "MORE"  
Submit to Department Adjutant by 15 May 2026  
BANQUET: Saturday, 6 June 2026  
Installation of Officers and Annual Department Awards  
OTHER: Adjutant McGlinn will forward agenda and Uniform of the Day to  
Members once the Department releases it  
Friday evening is Devil Dog Growl  
Splendid opportunity for fellowship, fun, and sharing best practices





## 103<sup>rd</sup> NATIONAL CONVENTION IN INDIANA

This January also marks the beginning of a very busy year for our department. In addition to the regular agenda items for both our detachments and the department, we are preparing to host the 2026 National Marine Corps League Convention.

The Banquet Chairperson position is still open, and it is critically important that this role be filled as soon as possible. Currently, we have chair representation from the following detachments: Hiram I. Bearss, Capt. James A. Graham, Elkhart Area Marines, Tripoli, Albert Shockey, and Dunes Leathernecks. If your detachment is not listed and you are willing to serve as a chairperson, please notify Kay Ross (317-698-6637 or [kayross@comcast.net](mailto:kayross@comcast.net)) or Kelly Gillihan (765-507-0574 or [ktgillihan@gmail.com](mailto:ktgillihan@gmail.com)). A.S.A.P.

The next seven and a half months will pass quickly—and we are already behind schedule. In addition to the chair positions that have been filled, we are also in need of committee members for the following areas: Transportation, Events, Fundraising, Information, and Banquet.

There will also be many opportunities to help during the convention week, 10–14 August. No one is being asked to commit to being at the hotel 24/7, but whether you can offer a few hours one day or help throughout the week, your assistance will be greatly appreciated. This is a massive undertaking, and it simply cannot be accomplished by just eight people.

DATES: Sunday-Friday, August 9-14, 2026  
PLACE: Wyndham West Hotel  
2544 Executive Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46241  
WEBSITE: <https://mclindy2026.org>



## VILES OF DIRT AND WATER FROM BELLEAU WOOD FOR DETACHMENT DONATION



Two Detachments accepted Chief of Staff Kelly Gillihan's challenge by donating to the Department of Indiana National Convention fund. Will your Detachment donate at the Spring Convention?

## INDIANA PACK

Woof Woof Dogs of the Order:

To all Pound Keepers and Pound Dog Robbers, going forward the KMA is not taking paper payments! It is all electronic from now on. Please get with Pack Dog Robber DD Ernie Maxwell to learn how to do all payments online. Also, bring plenty of Big Bones to the Spring Conference! I am sure fines will be levied! And, remember that the children's hospital that will be benefiting this year will be Riley's in Indianapolis!

Woof Woof  
Your Worthy Pack Leader  
PDD Kelly Gillihan



**INDIANA PACK CHARTERED 1 MARCH 1990**

### INDIANA PACK OFFICERS:

Pack Leader  
Senior Vice Pack Leader:  
Junior Vice Pack Leader:  
Pack Dog Robber:

PDD Kelly Gillihan  
PDD Dan Tolson, Jr.  
PDD Jim Snowberger  
DD Ernie Maxwell

Pack Police Dog:	PDD Jay Juan Rameriz
Pack Mad Dog:	PDD Mike Ross
Pack Dog Trainer:	PDD Lloyd Loucks
Pack Scratcher:	DD Tim Glidden
Pack Barking Dog:	DD Matt Spencer
Pack Watch Dog:	DD Matt Careins
Pack Smart Dog:	DD Brad Ulick

The Indiana Pack promotes good fellowship amongst the members of our different Marine Corps League Detachments. We provide amusement and entertainment at all gatherings of the league, when and where advisable, preserve and strengthen the principles and ideals of league. We are also, very active in raising funds for children's hospitals and associated charities.

Riely Children's Hospital in Indianapolis will be the 2026 MODD National Convention donation recipient. Indiana Pack, your big bones are staying home in Indiana this year!

**See you at our Growl on 4 March 2026!**

**You will need your cover and paid conference registration credential to enter the Growl!**



**Chief Devil Dog PDD Jeffrey Jones  
28 October 1965 – 1 November 2025  
Honor. Respect. Never Forget.**





MODD members attend Jeff Jones' funeral including our Tim Shortt



EGA Ceremony for Jeff Jones



MODD members gather for Jeff Jones Memorial Walk

## LADIES AUXILIARY

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	President	Loretta See
	Senior Vice President	Tami Williams
	Junior Vice President	Evangeline Anderson
	Judge Advocate	Karen Andrews
	Junior Past Auxiliary President	Theresa Clark
	Secretary	Alexa Wilson
	Treasurer	Sue Waters
	Chaplain	Pat Smith
	Captain of the Guard	Cheryl Mantle

The Ladies Auxiliary was formed for the purposes of promoting the interests of the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps League, and to protect and advance the welfare of Marines and their dependents.

The Department of Indiana Ladies Auxiliary meets during the Department's two conferences and summer convention. New members are always welcome!



## SICK, IN DISTRESS, and TAPS

Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell shared the following members have recently passed per Notice of Death transmittals submitted to him.

• Martha Albright	10/13/2025	Hiram I Bearss #089 / Auxiliary
• Sharon L. Anderson	12/16/2025	Howlin' Mad #93
• Stephan H. Bertram	06/05/2025	Wortman-Lowe Enduring Freedom #1263
• James E. Evans	03/30/2025	Pride and Purpose #1435
• William L. Everman	11/11/2025	Tripoli #844
• Jon D. Oswalt	10/11/2025	Tripoli #844
• Lyle F. Stevenson	12/08/2025	Howlin' Mad #93
• John W. Tipton	11/25/2025	Pride and Purpose #1435

Members, we have your watch. Rest easy. Fair winds and following seas. Semper Fidelis.

Chaplains are requested to submitted the **Notice of Death** fillable form to the Department Chaplain Ernie Maxwell ([enmaxwell3@gmail.com](mailto:enmaxwell3@gmail.com)) within a few days of the death. A sympathy card will be mailed to the family.



## DEPARTMENT WEBSITE

### DEPARTMENT WEBSITE ACCOUNT

Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn reminds every Department of Indiana member to create their account (if not done already) to access "for members only" information including reports. From the Department's website home page (<https://mcldeptofindiana.org>) click on the "DOCUMENTS" tab on header bar. This page below appears. Click on the **"CLICK HERE"** red box. Enter your e-mail and password. Issues with your account set up? e-Mail Junior Vice Commandant and Web Sergeant Dan Tolson at [mcldepartmentofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:mcldepartmentofindiana@gmail.com) with your issue.

Commandants, Department Officers, and Committees are to submit their written report (Word or PDF) to Department Adjutant Craig McGlinn no less than 2 weeks before the Summer Convention and both the Fall and Spring Conferences. All Detachment, Department officers, and committee reports are now posted on our website for members only access. ***The reports are no longer to be printed and placed in the meeting room!***

**Our website's header tool bar includes the following tabs:** Home, About Us (Officers, Paymaster, Adjutant, Committees, and Photos), Detachments, Documents, Newsletter, Awards, Calendar, and More (Events, MODD, Support, Department Auxiliary, Reports, and MCL Indy 2026). **Check out our awesome resource!**

Create Your  
Account



## AWARDS

### MEMBERSHIP RIBBONS FROM 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION



### NATIONAL CITATIONS FROM 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION





**PAST COMMANDANT LAY-Z-BOY CHAIR  
ROBERT O'DONNELL**



**DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP AWARD 2025 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
OUTSTANDING, INDIANA!**



## **DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES and OFFICER REPORTS**

### **AMERICANISM AWARD by Jennifer Spencer**

The Americanism Report (bound books, scrap books, or albums) is for the period National Marine Corps League Convention to Convention consisting of six (6) sections, and the entries must be hand delivered to the Americanism Committee by 1500 on Tuesday of the National Convention (Tuesday, 11 August 2026 in Indianapolis). There are 3 categories based on Detachment strength. First, Second, and Third Place winners in each category will receive a plaque. The overall top award, the GIL GRAY Award, will receive a special plaque. More specific details are in Library on National's website. Every Department of Indiana Detachment is strongly encouraged to submit an entry! It is easy to do. Let us have more Detachments enter this year! **Just do it!**

### **AWARDS by Craig McGlinn**

The Department of Indiana Official Awards Manual (2025 Edition) is posted on the Department website on the newly added **AWARDS** page. Commandants, submit your nominations for Department Marine of the Year, Department Associate Member of the Year, and Renbarger-Wukitsch Paymaster/Adjutant Leadership Award no later than 15 April 2026!

### **CHARLES CRUMBO SCHOLARSHIP by Kay Ross**

The Crumbo Scholarship applications are now online and ready for this year's students to begin completing them. The postmark deadline is 30 April and will **NOT** be waived.

Please be sure to share this information with your children and grandchildren who may be eligible to apply. Applications and instructions can be found on the [mcdeptofindiana.org](http://mcdeptofindiana.org) website. From the homepage, select the "More" tab—Crumbo is the second-to-last listing.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship, please do not hesitate to contact me at 317-698-6637 or [kayross@comcast.net](mailto:kayross@comcast.net).

## **JUNIOR VICE COMMANDANT by Dan Tolson**

All members can assist with recruiting and retention. There are still a lot of Marines out there that do not know about the Marine Corps League, or even know we exist.

- If you see someone with a Marine Corps Veteran license plate, bumper sticker, hat, shirt, or anything Marine Corps related, stop them and talk with them. Let them know about the Marine Corps League and what we do. That person you stop, may be a potential new member, and may even want to help volunteer their time.
- Retention is a problem throughout the Marine Corps League. Make members feel welcome by talking with them, doing family functions, finding out about their hobbies. The Marine Corps League is more than just a nonprofit, trying to raise and donate money. A lot of younger members are not involved because of trying to juggle their work and family lives. Doing family functions that they could attend and bring the entire family is something small but can make that member feel welcome and want to participate more. **Do not** recruit members just to get a number now, and then you never hear from them again! Have the sponsoring member mentor the new member!
- Encourage Member's to attend the Department Conventions and Conferences. Numerous members have stated in the survey that was sent out, that they do not attend because they are either not a Department or Detachment Officer, they are just an associate member, or they served in another branch. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is a lot of information that gets passed, and a lot of excellent classes that go on that any member can attend.

## **NATIONAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION by Terry Taylor, Sr.**

The National Newsletter Competition encourages all Detachments and Departments of the Marine Corps League to submit their newsletter for judging. For the editors that work so hard, they should receive the recognition. If you do not already have a newsletter, consider starting one. If you have one, enter the competition! You can't win if you do not enter!

The Newsletter Judging Criteria does more than establish standards for judging. It makes a suggestions of things editors may want to include in their newsletter. Things that encourage readers to read through the entire publication.

### **Submission Rules:**

The submissions to the Competition will require **three (3) issues in (1) PDF file.** (all 3 must be from the **same editor**) and emailed to the competition email address: [MCLnewsletter.comp@gmail.com](mailto:MCLnewsletter.comp@gmail.com)

The e-mail should contain Detachment # /or Department, Detachment name, State, Detachment membership as of June 1 of the convention year, Newsletter name, and newsletter editor name.

### **Submission Dates:**

e-mails will be accepted from June 15 through June 30. Submissions must be e-mailed by June 30 of the convention year. **Do not** email your newsletters each month! The published newsletter must be for the period of July 1 through June 30 of the convention year.

### **Questions:**

MCL National Newsletter  
Chairman Walt Benson  
Phone: (203) 768-8435  
Email: [mclnewsletter.comp@gmail.com](mailto:mclnewsletter.comp@gmail.com)

The competition SOP, judging criteria (scoresheet judges use), and newsletter tips are on the National website under Library.

Or, you can reach out to Terry Taylor, Sr. who has been appointed to the National Newsletter Competition Committee for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and is the current **Leatherneck Award** recipient for the Best Newsletter in last year's competition – our Department newsletter!

### **PAYMASTER POINTS TO PONDER by Dave Englert**

It is a great time to be a detachment paymaster! If you haven't noticed, there have been a lot of changes designed to make the job of the paymaster easier, more efficient, and with faster results. Here's a summary:

**Forms** – All commonly used forms have been reformatted to reduce any data points not essential to the mission. I've sent the updated transmittal form to all paymasters with the Department information already filled in for you to reduce your keystrokes. The new form is easier to read and does away with the membership number, relying on the Profile ID number only. You can, and should, download all other forms from the Marine Corps League Library.

**Rosters** – Rosters are readily available to all paymasters and commandants using the database portal. Instructions for how to use it are in the Member Library. Step by step instructions were also given during the last couple of paymaster conference calls. You have the ability to pull the roster as often as you want and can format it in a variety of forms.

**Transmittals** – Most detachments have taken advantage of the streamlined transmittal submission process. Instructions for how to do it are located under the paymaster tab of the department website. A simple explanation is that the detachment paymaster emails transmittals and supporting documents, such as applications, to the Department Paymaster. A review is conducted and confirmation sent to the detachment, while the transmittal is electronically filed with National by the Department. A single check is mailed to the Department for the full amount. Since April 2025, over 150 transmittals have been completed in this manner with the average time to completion of 4 working days after submission from the detachment. In comparison, when using USPS for submissions, the average time was 3 weeks from the postmark from the detachment.

**What's next?** – At the department level, we now have online registration and payments for our Department conferences and convention. This will allow individuals to self-register and pay while still allowing group registrations and payments by the detachments who wish to do so. Once that is completed, the department will turn to making an online payment system available for detachment paymasters to remit funds for transmittals, eliminating the cost and time of writing and mailing checks.

**Training** – New paymasters and experienced paymasters are encouraged to review the training available on the Paymaster tab of the Department website. There are numerous how-to guides, most with screenshots and pictures! Your Department Paymaster is also readily available for questions, guidance, and training sessions as needed.

### **TOYS FOR TOTS by Dan Tolson**

The 2025 Toys for Tots Campaign in Indiana was outstanding! Commandants need to submit their Toys for Tots report as soon as possible so that we can compile Indiana's results.



### **YOUNG MARINES by Robert O'Donnell**

We have 5 active Young Marine units in Indiana (Dunes/Valparaiso, Kentuckiana/Clarksville, Morgan County/Martinsville, Scott County, and Seymour).

We encourage all Detachments to support these units with an annual donation to the Department for Young Marines which will be split evenly between the active units. Make checks payable to **"Dept of IN, MCL"** with **"Young Marines"** on memo line. ***We appreciate your support!***

### **YOUTH PHYSICAL FITNESS**

Junior Past Commandant Robert O'Donnell reminds Detachments need to appoint a Youth Physical Fitness Chairman. The Marine Corps League's Youth Physical Fitness program is funded by the U.S. Marines Youth Foundation. There is no cost to the Detachment or school! The Detachment presents the program to schools, and can help the schools if requested. The program is now available on National's website.

### **WEBSITE by Dan Tolson**

Detachments are encouraged to submit to him re-occurring events (monthly breakfasts, monthly meetings, and so on) for the Department calendar. Send him a PDF on your special events (birthday ball, flag retirement, golf tournament, and so on) for the website.

## **CENTRAL DIVISION NATIONAL VICE COMMANDANT DAVE ENGLERT**

As of 12/2/2025, Central Division voting strength is 5,898 with 959 members unpaid and a total of 1256 members unpaid.

Illinois: 1250 voting strength, 211 unpaid reg. Members, and 232 total unpaid

**Indiana: 987 voting strength, 180 unpaid reg. Members, and 335 total unpaid**

Michigan: 1261 voting strength, 143 unpaid reg. members, and 186 total unpaid

Kentucky: 529 voting strength, 64 unpaid reg. Members, and 83 total unpaid

Ohio: 1099 voting strength, 106 unpaid reg. Members, and 122 total unpaid

Wisconsin: 722 voting strength, 255 unpaid reg members, and 298 total unpaid.

## **CENTRAL DIVISION RECRUITING and RETENTION CHRIS TAYLOR**

Marines and Associates:

We stand together united by the values of honor, courage, and commitment. Some of us earned the title on the yellow footprints, some served in other branches, while others chose to stand beside us in unwavering support. Every one of you is essential to the strength of the Marine Corps League.



Associate members are not “supporting from the sidelines” – you are part of the mission. Your dedication helps preserve our traditions, support our Marines and families, and extend our reach into the community. Together, we honor the fallen, care for the living, and ensure the legacy of the Marine Corps continues for generations.

The uniform may come off, but the values never do. Stay involved. Stay motivated. Take care Of one another. Side by side, we continue to earn the Eagle, Globe, and Anchor every day!

Semper Fidelis!

## 250<sup>th</sup> MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY



**MOUNDS #502 – ANDERSON**



**PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE**



**SOUTHERN LEATHERNECKS #931 - JASPER**



**TRIPOLI #844 - MARION**





**MARINE FOUNDATION OF INDIANA, RS INDIANAPOLIS, AND  
INDIANA MARINE RESERVE UNITS' 250<sup>th</sup> BALL**



**AROUND THE DEPARTMENT**

**MOUNDS #502 - ANDERSON**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**



**PRIDE AND PURPOSE #1435 – FORT WAYNE**

**HONOR FLIGHT NORTHEAST INDIANA FLIGHT #54 – FLAG PROGRAM: TROY GILLUM**



**VETERANS DAY PARADE**



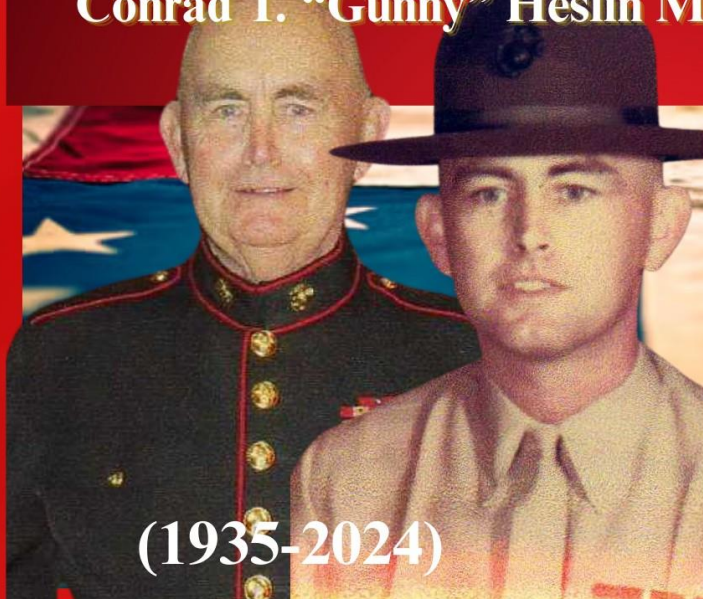
**TRIPOLI #844 – MARION**

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA – MARION NATIONAL CEMETERY**





# Conrad T. "Gunny" Heslin Memorial Scholarship



Gunnery Sergeant, United States Marine (1953-1973)

Founding Member of Marine Corps League Tripoli Detachment (1993-2024)

## Eligibility

Open to the following:

- any current, regular, or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League, or Marine Corps League Auxiliary.
- family member of a current, regular, or associate member of the Department of Indiana Marine Corps League, Marine Corps League Auxiliary.

## GPA & Essay

A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required to be eligible. Applicants can live in any of the 50 states. This scholarship application requires an essay submission.

## To Apply

Click on these link to access the application and guidelines. You may also email us for a link to apply.

**Application**  
**Guidelines**

**Email** [mcltripoli844@gmail.com](mailto:mcltripoli844@gmail.com)

**Website** <https://www.mcl844.org/home>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/MCL844>

## \$6,000 Scholarship

The total amount awarded to individual students is contingent on the quality of the applications and board decision. Chosen students will receive a percentage of the available scholarship fund.

## Important Dates

- Completed applications MUST be postmarked NO LATER THAN April 30th of each award year.
- Applicants will be notified by May 15.

## Donations Options:

Use the QR code or use think link.

Click on this link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/conrad-t-gunny-heslin-memorial-scholarship>

You may also send a check to 1700 South Pennsylvania Street, Marion, IN, 46953. Payable to Marine Corps League

**Donate:**



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**MICHAEL WALTERS MEMORIAL #1411 – MONTICELLO**  
**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR – STAN GATEWOOD**



## **YOUNG MARINES**

There are currently five (5) Young Marine units in the State of Indiana. They are in Clarksville (Kentuckiana), Martinsville (Morgan County), Scott County, Seymour, and Valparaiso (Dunes).

Detachments are encouraged to support the Young Marine units, attend graduation ceremonies, and make monetary donations. You can earmark your donation to one specific unit or all in which case the donation would be split 5 ways. Donations can be submitted to Department Paymaster Dave Englert, and place in the "memo" line who it is for.

### **KENTUCKIANA YOUNG MARINES**



Cpl Sinnock Young Marine of the Year



### SCOTT YOUNG MARINES



December 2025 Drill and Christmas Gift Exchange

### DIVISION 3 YOUNG MARINES



Young Marine of the Year Nominees

## RESOURCES

### Marine Corps Military Honors

Website: <https://www.hqmc.marines.mil/Agencies/Casualty-MFPC/Funeral-Honors/>  
Phone: 866-826-3628

### Marine Corps League – National

Website: <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>  
Includes: Library  
Member Library (requires 3-digit password)  
Ship Store  
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/mclnational>

### Marine Corps League – Central Division

Website: <https://mclcentdiv.org/>  
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/mclcentdiv>

### Marine Corps League – Department of Indiana

Website: <https://mcldeptofindiana.org/>  
Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MCLDeptOfIndiana>

### Marine Foundation of Indiana

Website: <https://www.marinefoundationindiana.org/>  
Phone: 708-522-7237

### Military Order of Devil Dogs – Indiana Pack (**Private Group**)

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/562766733818836>

### Veterans Administration

Website: <https://www.va.gov/>







# Original Homemade Chex Party Mix



**Servings: 24 | Time:**  
**10 minutes**

## Ingredients:

- 3 cups Corn Chex cereal
- 3 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 3 cups Wheat Chex cereal
- 1 cup mixed nuts
- 1 cup bite-size pretzels
- 1 cup garlic-flavor bite-size bagel chips or regular-size bagel chips, broken into 1-inch pieces
- 6 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons seasoned salt
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder

## Preparation

- 1) In large microwavable bowl, mix cereals, nuts, pretzels and bagel chips; set aside. In small microwavable bowl, microwave butter uncovered on High about 40 seconds or until melted. Stir in seasonings. Pour over cereal mixture; stir until evenly coated.
- 2) Microwave uncovered on High 5 to 6 minutes, thoroughly stirring every 2 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in airtight container.

## Tips

- Substitution: The original recipe includes Corn Chex, Rice Chex and Wheat Chex. You can mix and match to suit your taste—just use a total of 9 cups of cereal.
- Healthy: To reduce the fat to 2 grams and the calories to 80 per serving, use 3 tablespoons margarine instead of the 6 tablespoons butter, omit mixed nuts and use fat-free bagel chips.
- Presentation/Garnish: Make enough of this favorite mix to package up as gifts for special friends—it's so good and always a welcome surprise!
- Pre-heat oven to 250°. Put cereal and seasoning mixture into ungreased roasting pan and bake for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool, about 15 minutes.

## NEXT NEWSLETTER EDITION DEADLINE

Articles, event, information, and photos for the **SPRING QUARTER 2026** edition of our newsletter (covers April, May, and June 2026) are **due by 10 March 2026** to editor Terrence L. Taylor, Sr. (Terry) at [tltaylorsr@frontier.com](mailto:tltaylorsr@frontier.com). **Send your Detachment summer fundraiser information!**

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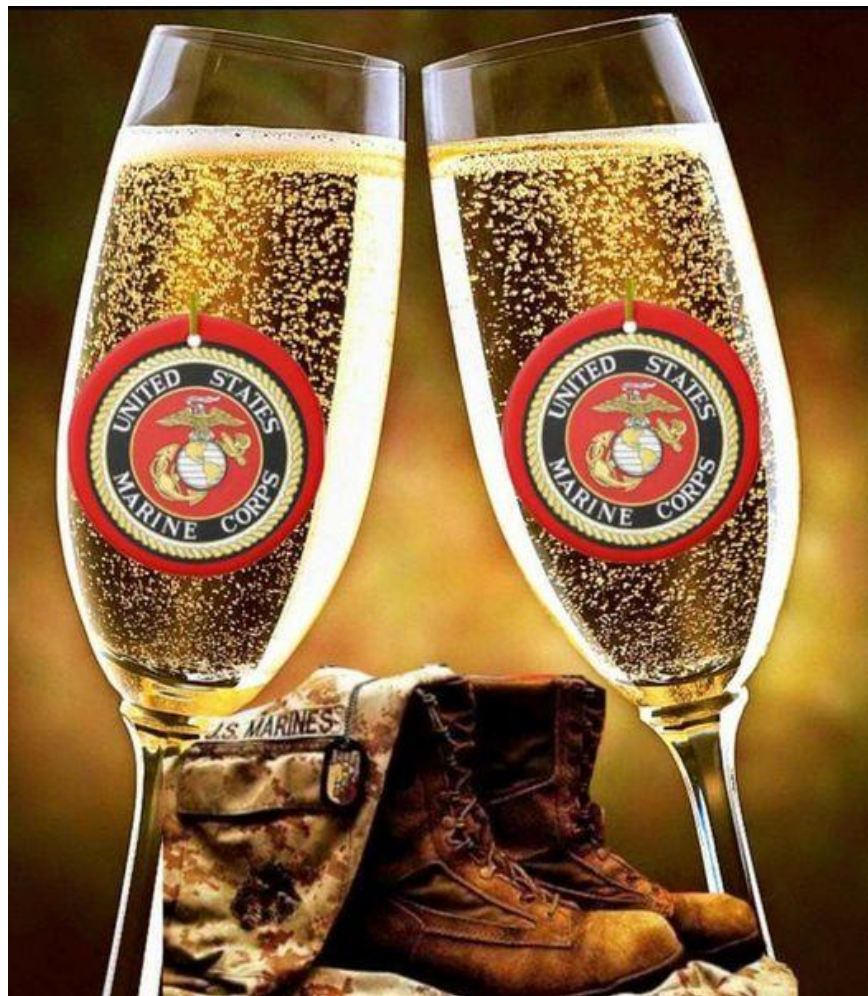


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- Members are encouraged to submit articles and information for the newsletter to the Editor on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> of December, 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 10<sup>th</sup> of June, and the 10<sup>th</sup> of September for the next quarterly issue. Help us communicate, inform, promote, and share to grow our Department and Detachments. Let us help you get the word out!
- Event information is subject to change without notice.

## **FINAL THOUGHTS**



# **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

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